

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 591 - SB 796**

March 15, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Establishes the “Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act.”

Prohibits law enforcement agencies from using a drone in Tennessee to gather evidence or other information unless the drone is used:

- Pursuant to a search warrant specifically authorizing the use of a drone;
- To counter a high risk of a terrorist attack by a specific individual or organization if the United States secretary of homeland security determines that credible intelligence indicates that there is such a risk; or
- By a law enforcement agency under reasonable suspicion that swift action is needed to prevent imminent danger to life under the particular circumstances.

Authorizes an aggrieved party to initiate a civil action against a law enforcement agency.

Prohibits information obtained in violation of the section from being admissible as evidence in a criminal prosecution in any Tennessee court.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- According to local law enforcement representatives, drones are currently not used by local law enforcement agencies.
- According to the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, drones are currently not used by the department.
- According to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the bill would not have a significant impact on the bureau.
- It is assumed that the bill would not have a significant impact.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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